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## **TEAMSTERS TO RELEASE REPORT ON LACK OF SAFETY AND SECURITY ON NATION'S RAILROADS**

### ***Congressional Leaders, Union Officials to Discuss Findings***

(Washington, D.C.) – On Thursday, September 29, the Teamsters Rail Conference will be joined by Senator Joe Biden (D-DE), Rep. Ed Markey, (D-MA), Bennie Thompson, (D-MS) and other members of Congress to discuss the details of a Teamster report about the safety and security of the nation's railroads.

Hazardous materials routinely travel on the nation's rail system, often through densely populated areas. In addition, rail carriers have systematically been reducing the number of licensed rail employees operating the system, thus increasing the possibility of accidents and terrorist activity.

The Teamsters Rail Conference report discusses hazardous spills and highlights the continued vulnerability of rail yards and the steel tank cars, despite reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Transportation Safety Board calling for increased security.

John Murphy, Teamsters International Vice President and Director of the Rail Conference, will summarize the report and what it means for Teamsters Rail Conference members and the public at large.

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**WHO:** Senator Joe Biden, (D-DE)  
Rep. Ed Markey, (D-MA)  
Rep. Bennie Thompson, (D-MS)  
John Murphy, Director of the Teamsters Rail Conference  
Rick Inclima, Director of Safety, BMWED

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 29, 2005

**WHERE:** Longworth House Office building, Room 1640